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March News from Perennial

Dear Member,

Welcome to the March edition of the Perennial e-newsletter.

From vital support to vibrant gardens, spring is a season of growth. This month, we share Jack's inspiring story about why as a nursery worker he became a Mental Health First Aider, an update from our CEO on The Laskett and the launch of our 2026 Plants for Perennial collection.

Whether you're exploring the blooming borders at our gardens or joining an Exclusive Garden Tour, your support helps our community thrive. Dive in to see what's blossoming this season.

Best wishes from everyone at Perennial

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Jack's story

After struggling with his own mental health, nursery worker Jack used Perennial's support to become a Mental Health First Aider. Now, he's breaking down barriers and providing a vital listening ear for his team. Read how Jack turned his journey into a community of support and learn how you can do the same.

[Read Jack's story](#)

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Plants for Perennial

Help support the people behind our green spaces. Our Plants for Perennial collection raised over £15,000 last year and 2026 brings exciting new additions: the Crab Apple Tree 'Julia', Hydrangea 'Cherry Explosion' and Miscanthus 'Lady in Red'. Look for them at your local garden centre this summer to help grow a brighter future.



[Read more about Plants for Perennial](#)

Beauty in bloom

Opening on 1 April, we're looking forward to welcoming you to the new gardens season. The gardens are full of fresh green foliage, with buds forming – a promise of things to come. They are a retreat for those seeking inspiration, reflection or a simple pause from general life.

And don't forget, you can take a small piece of our gardens home with you from our plant sales and gift shops.



York Gate

The daffodils give way to the vibrant colours of the beautiful tulips. The flourishing borders are coming to life, sharing a vivid display in shades of white, pink and orange, and the wildflower meadow is getting ready to burst into life. Woodlanders from North America *Polygonatum*, *Uvularia* and the wonderful *Trillium* are among the showstoppers in The Dell. The fern border has some early treats too.

[Fullers Mill](#)

The peonies put on a colourful display, contrasting seamlessly with the green hues of the shuttlecock ferns. Flowering shrubs awaken, vibrant yellow *Forsythia* against white blossoms of *Philadelphus* and purple shades of lilac, not forgetting the pinks of the cherry blossom and magnolia, all putting on a stunning display. The beautiful colours reflect off the mill pond, river and stream in this fantastic waterside oasis.



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Enjoy a wonderful day out

Support Perennial by joining us for one of our Exclusive Garden Tours in 2026.

One of the highlights is our June visit to Regent's Park, London, where guests will enjoy special access to the private gardens of Park Square and Park Crescent, linked by the historic Nursemaids' Tunnel.

[Explore the full programme](#)

A message regarding The Laskett

"It is with regret that I provide you with an update on The Laskett Garden in Herefordshire which we unfortunately have had to close. This is not an easy decision for anyone, but it is a necessary one. As a charity we have to prioritise how our income is spent to ensure we achieve the maximum benefit for the people we are here to support." Jamie Gault, CEO



Celebrating botanical artists

A handwritten card is a heartfelt way to show someone you care. At Perennial, we're proud to support talented botanical artists by sharing their work. We're delighted to introduce the beautiful artwork and collection of greeting cards by Marianne Hazlewood.

[Browse our cards](#)

CAF deadline approaching

If you have the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) Vouchers or CharityCards, we have some important news for you. As of 1 May 2026, CAF has announced that it is phasing out both the vouchers and CharityCards. After this date, donors will no longer be able to use these methods to make donations. Please consider sending your vouchers to us before they expire.



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